

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Investigation No. 731-TA-932 (Final)

CERTAIN FOLDING METAL TABLES AND CHAIRS FROM CHINA

DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of certain folding metal chairs, provided for in subheadings 9401.71.00 and 9401.79.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The Commission further determines that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of certain folding metal tables, provided for in HTS subheading 9403.20.00, that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV. The Commission further determines that critical circumstances do not exist with regard to imports of certain folding metal tables and chairs from China that are subject to Commerce's affirmative critical circumstances finding.²

BACKGROUND

The Commission instituted this investigation effective April 27, 2001, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by Meco Corp., Greeneville, TN. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of certain folding metal tables and chairs from China were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* of January 8, 2002 (67 FR 916). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on April 23, 2002, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on June 3, 2002. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3515 (May 2002), entitled *Certain Folding Metal Tables and Chairs from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-932 (Final)*.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary

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¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

² Commissioner Lynn M. Bragg found that critical circumstances exist with regard to imports of certain folding metal tables and chairs from China that are subject to Commerce's affirmative critical circumstances finding.